



Looking Ahead

“The NIGP-CPP certification helps demonstrate that a procurement professional doesn’t just know the important concepts and values of the profession, but how to practically apply them in real world scenarios...”

Nick Perrera, NIGP-CPP, MPA, CPPO, CPPB,
Arizona Department of Administration



The forefront of procurement excellence.

NIGP
PATHWAYS



Your Future is Now.

NIGP-CPP is a unique and powerful certification that accelerates your long-term career growth and success.

It's designed for mid to executive level leaders like you and focuses on competency-based learning - in other words - what you do!

We know how much your career means to you.

- Your devotion to public service
- Your dedication to professional excellence
- Your determination to stand apart
- Your desire to show the 'true' value you bring to your entity and your community
- Your commitment to the next generation of public procurement professionals

The NIGP-CPP certification is a valuable investment in your career and in yourself.

"I would encourage all procurement professionals to seek the NIGP-CPP certification as demonstration of competence, knowledge, and skills to excel as a leader in the procurement profession."

Travis Pierce, NIGP-CPP, MBA, CLGPO, CPPO, CPPB,
Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority, NC

Showcase Your Expertise: The Benefits of Becoming Certified



Credibility. Provides an unbiased and reliable means to validate your knowledge and professional expertise. 74% of hiring managers believe that certified employees have greater expertise*.



Commitment. Emphasizes your commitment to professional growth. By earning a NIGP-CPP certification, you continue to develop your knowledge, skills and abilities. 74% of hiring managers agree that certified employees know what is required to do their job*.



Competitive Advantage. You become more marketable. 74% of hiring managers agree that they are more likely to hire a person who has certification*.



Relevance. Demonstrates your relevance with certification that is developed by subject matter experts, upheld by rigorous standards, based on ongoing research and always reflects current industry practices.

*Based on research from
NIGP: The Institute for
Public Procurement, The
Value of Public Procurement
Certification (2015)

What Makes It So Unique?



Competency vs. Years of Experience.

NIGP-CPP represents competency-based learning that is based on the Public Procurement Competency Framework which shifts the focus from gaining knowledge to building critical and relevant competencies so that you can become a top-performing public-procurement professional.



Flexibility and Choice. With flexible options and multiple eligibility paths, NIGP-CPP empowers you to advance your career on your schedule. Review the six eligibility paths to determine which one is best for you.



Engaged with academia and built on solid research. NIGP collaborated with Public Spend Forum to design the Public Procurement Competency Framework (PPCF) which defines key competencies on workforce performance and proficiency.



NIGP-CPP focuses on the full scope of all the capabilities needed to be successful in the workplace including strategy, leadership, and business principles as well as technical and behavioral skills. With an emphasis on workforce development and succession planning, leadership development is a primary focal area for developing a robust pipeline of procurement leaders well into the future.



Sets a new industry standard that is future-focused and committed to elevating the profession. Competency-based learning enables learners to become value-added strategic partners who make a greater impact on public benefit.



Follows credentialing best practices (ANSI Accreditation based on ISO 17024)



It's integration with Pathways provides significant advantages:

- A direct connection to the progression of content that begins with rigorous research and evolves into curated content that is learned through Pathways modules and assessed through Pathways credentialing programs including the NIGP-CPP. This continuous cycle ensures that the NIGP-CPP remains adaptable to the newest trends in public procurement and highly relevant in the marketplace.
- Makes it a more seamless learning experience. Integrating modular, competency-based learning with credentialing options creates personalized and customized learning journeys for every phase and every stage of a career in public procurement.
- Creates a single repository where your learning experiences are recorded; saving time and effort during the recertification process.



NIGP-CPP Certification
Works For You: Anywhere
& Everywhere

How NIGP-CPP Differs from other Certifications

Audience

Mid to Executive level leaders

Eligibility

Six Optional Pathways that are respectful of a candidate's formal education achievements

No mandate for Procurement Training

Exam Focus

Mid to Executive level leaders

Exam Delivery

2-Part Modular Exam Scored Separately (80 Questions)

4 Testing Windows: February, May, August, and November

3 Opportunities to Pass Each Module

Immediate Notification at the Testing Center Once the Exam is Completed

Recertification

Every 3 years: 36 Contact Hours

“The NIGP-CPP certification is inclusive and the content really promotes critical thinking which is essential in our profession.”

Stephanie Dion, NIGP-CPP, CPPB,
Manitoba Hydro, Winnipeg MB





Ready to Earn Your NIGP-CPP?

Quick Tips

- 1. Read the online NIGP-CPP Certification Handbook before you apply.** It's your essential source of NIGP-CPP information and contains everything you need to know to evaluate the program and complete the certification requirements. (As part of the application, you will attest to Candidate Declarations, including the statement that you have read the Certification Handbook).
- 2. Apply Online** (we recommend you apply 30 days prior to the first day of the test window you desire).
- 3. Be prepared to make a \$150 payment for the application.** (Application fee is non-refundable)
- 4. Once your application is approved, you will receive instructions on how to register and pay exam fees for a specific testing window.**
 - You have a choice of the months of February, May, August and November and the testing windows open five months in advance for registration.
 - If you are a current CPPO or CPPB certificant (or lapsed within one year), you will only take a bridge (Module B) exam. All other candidates take a two-part modular exam (Module A and Module B) and you have flexibility to register for each module individually.
 - Exam fees are \$100 per exam module
- 5. Application Period:** Active for 2 years after approval

How to Prepare

- 1. Know the Exam Content** - Competency-based exam aligned with the seven major focus areas of the Public Procurement Competency Framework (PPCF) and anchored in 43 competency statements
- 2. Take advantage of NIGP-CPP Prep Options:**
 - Digital Prep Guide - available by module
 - Virtual Instructor-Led Prep Courses
 - Online Self-Assessment Tool - 75 practice questions per module
 - Nsite Prep Group - member exclusive online communities
 - Question of the Day - produced by David Nash: www.qoftheday.net

“The NIGP-CPP certification is a hallmark for our profession. Earning this certification assures my clients the service I deliver comes from deep experience and demonstrated competency in public procurement. It is well worth the investment in yourself and our profession to pursue.”

Brian Smith, NIGP-CPP,
Multnomah County Purchasing, OR

NIGP-CPP certification can be the start of a whole new chapter in your professional story.

For more information about certification, contact:
Diane Daly: Director of Certification at ddaly@nigp.org or call 703.736.8900 x274

Since NIGP launched the NIGP-CPP in April 2020, over **1,100 candidates** have been approved for this future-focused public procurement certification. **Over 550 professionals** residing in **5 provinces** and **37 states** earned their NIGP-CPP during the first year of testing. Join them and be part of our future and the future of public procurement by learning more about the certification program that's setting a new standard in the industry. You deserve it!